

AMERICAN NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAN ID)

— Elements of the Americal Division operating in southern I Corps Tactical Zone saw their biggest action this week, when they reported killing 120 of the enemy.

Operation Muscatine, a multi-battalion operation being conducted in Binh Son and Son Tinh Districts of northern Quang Ngai Province, reported its largest single con-

tact since the offensive started in late December.

An Americal brigade netted 83 enemy kills and the capture of 35 weapons. Since Muscatine began on Dec. 21, 1967, 344 VC and six NVA soldiers have been killed. Ninety-five individual weapons and two crew-served weapons have been captured. US forces have suffered 21 infantrymen killed and 90 wounded.

Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, being conducted in Quang Tin and Quang Nam provinces, claimed 22 enemy kills. Since the offensive began in late September, 2,227 VC and 2,230 NVA soldiers have been killed. In that operation 374 US soldiers have been killed and 1,297 wounded. Other units operating south of here claimed the remaining 15 kills of the day.

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AMERICA'S NEW WEAPON:

"BALLISTIC SIX-SHOOTER"

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A nuclear scientist said Tuesday that America's newest planned nuclear weapon--the multiple warhead missile--could imperil the lives of 60 million city-dwelling Russians in a single retaliatory strike.

Dr. Ralph E. Lapp, a nuclear physicist, who worked on the original A-bomb project, described the system as the "ballistic six-shooter."

He said only 45 Intercontinental ballistic missiles would be needed in such an attack, because each could be equipped with up to six H-bomb warheads capable of being dropped at intervals on some 200 selected city targets while the carrier missiles remained in flight.

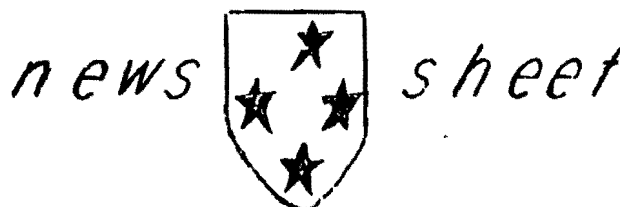
VAN TAN DIED A HERO

SAIGON (UPI) -- In the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 10, a 24-year-old Vietnamese Army Private, Do Van Tan, died to save four Americans.

He threw himself on a grenade shielding them from its blast.

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DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD (UPI)

KEENE, New Hampshire -- Governor George Romney of Michigan says that if elected U.S. President he will work to neutralize South Vietnam by effecting a settlement between the Government in Saigon and the Viet Cong.

SPACE CENTER, Houston -- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has cancelled plans for its first post-Apollo manned space mission because of the budget squeeze.

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy Friday morning with a few brief rain showers. Becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Winds from the east at 5-10 miles per hour. High Friday 82. Low Friday night 68.

MADRID--Nationalist Chinese Lt. General Weng W.K. Chaing, son of President Chaing Kai-Shek met Chief of State Francisco Franco Tuesday.

The meeting, held in Franco's 16th Century Pardo Palace, was considered a routine protocol visit and not believed to have involved any working discussions.

LONDON--The pound gave a good account of itself and pushed ahead on foreign exchanges yesterday in advance of the government's promised plans for economic retrenchment.

WASHINGTON--A silent, orderly procession of 5,000 women marched to Congressional Headquarters Monday to petition their government for peace in Vietnam.

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Van Bo: Cease Bombing

PARIS (UPI) -- Mai Van Bo, the North Vietnamese delegate general in France Tuesday night reiterated Hanoi's demand that the United States unconditionally cease bombing North Vietnam before his country would open talks with the U.S.

The interview with Agence France Presse, the Domestic French News Agency, shed more light on the issue since Nguyen Dy Trinh, the North Vietnamese Foreign Minister announced it last Dec. 29.

Van Bo said the United States could "announce the ending of bombing and all other acts of war by a declaration or utilize any means to prove its reality."

Possible Appeal for Speck

CHICAGO (UPI) -- Attorneys for Richard Speck, convicted slayer of eight Chicago nurses, said Tuesday they would study a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could offer a new avenue of appeal in murder cases.

America's high court agreed Monday to hear an appeal based on the contention that a defendant was denied his constitutional right because a judge dismissed prospective jurors who said they were opposed to the death penalty.

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The five soldiers were huddled in the same bunker during a dawn attack on a Vietnamese command post by a battalion of North Vietnamese Regulars near Phu Cat, about 12 miles inland from the central coastal city of Que Nhon.

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Another record was set yesterday, when the Americal Division surpassed the 10,000 mark in enemy kills since April 20, when Army units moved into the Chu Lai area.

A sharp contact with the enemy in Operation Muscatine yesterday was responsible for the number of enemy kills by Americal Division forces to surpass the 10,000 mark. Americal's 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry reported killing 83 enemy, 80 of which were killed in one heavy ground action.

In the largest action of the day, a company from the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry operating southeast of here in Operation Muscatine came under heavy automatic weapons fire, small arms fire and a grenade attack. At the end of the day 80 enemy bodies were counted, 10 suspects detained, along with 35 weapons, three B-40

Long-Simmering Dispute
Over Territorial Area

BEIRUT (UPI) -- Britain's decision to pull her troops out of the oil-rich Persian Gulf by 1971 is likely to bring to a head the long-simmering territorial disputes in the area and prompt Arab Nationalists to step up efforts to topple local rulers.

The Sultans can be expected to try to consolidate their power and forestall a possible Arab Nationalist takeover by banding together into a regional defense pact and carrying out much needed reforms which British and Western oil companies have been pressing them to execute for years.

The question is whether the time limit announced by British Prime Minister Harold Wilson Tuesday night gives the Sultans time to act.

rockets, 177 grenades and a large amount of ammunition captured. The weapons included 10 M-1 rifles, four BARs, four AK-47s, six M-1 carbines, four M-2 carbines, two MAT-49s, one sub-machine gun, one K-50 machine gun, four M-79 grenade launchers, and two .45 caliber pistols.

Later in the afternoon, "Aloha Airlines" observed three VC with weapons and killed them. A company of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry operating 18 miles south of here located one ton of rice in fortified structures.

In the fishing village of Sa Huynh the 3rd Brigade's S-5 attended a celebration marking the opening of a new market place built by the villagers with American aid.

In heavy ground fighting 20 miles southeast of here, Americal's 198th Brigade killed nine enemy. The ground action

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America (Continued)

SAIGON — U.S. planes have tangled in dog fights with North Vietnamese MIG fighters over Hanoi. No losses were reported on either side. The U.S. planes hit a shipyard, a barge repair base and an already-battered bridge—Tuesday. Other bombers hit Army barracks. B52s blasted areas in the far north of South Vietnam.

PASADENA, California —Hot weather on the moon has forced Surveyor 7 to slow up on its picture taking. Temperatures on the surface of the moon have risen to 250 degrees. It's high noon on the lunar surface.

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saw two American Division brigade team up in Operation Muscatine. American's 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry recorded 80 enemy kills in the contact.

The operation began early in the morning and by noon had put the enemy into a trap that left no avenue of escape. After contact was made early yesterday morning one U.S. officer following the action said, "the only way the VC could escape would be to walk across the South China Sea."

A company from 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry led by CPT Virgil Lee Cone (Fayetteville, N.C.) reported contact at 7:15 a.m., with an unknown size VC force. Supporting gunships moved into the area and two VC were

killed. A few hours later another company led by CPT Sam Booher (Chattanooga, Tenn) engaged three more enemy in a tunnel. The infantrymen killed two VC in the action and detained one. One M-1 carbine was also captured. An element of the company detained three more suspects later in the morning. Shortly after noon CPT Cone's company again reported contact as they killed five more enemy in three brief fire fights.

Officials reported that the ground forces blocked the enemy force from the north where they were killed by the "Bronco's" 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry. Officials also reported that most of the enemy killed in the Muscatine action yesterday were local force regulars.

Civic action soldiers of the "Brave and Bold" treated 503 Vietnamese in five area MEDCAPs yesterday.

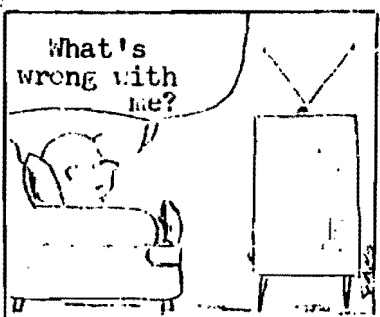
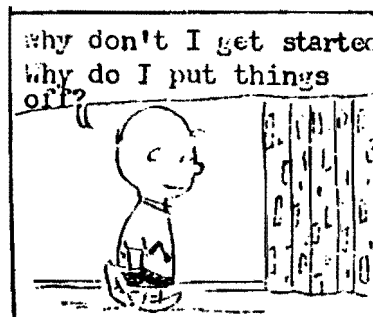
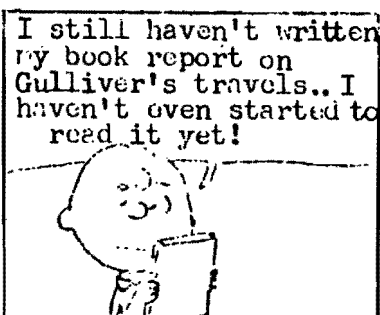
In Operation Wheeler/Wallowa American's 3rd "Garry", of the 1st Air Cavalry killed 17 VC and captured more than ten thousand—pounds of rice in the Que Son Valley yesterday.

Brigade scouts accounted for 11 VC kills in a search of an area three miles northwest of LZ Ross. The 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry killed five enemy in three separate incidents five miles northeast of Ross, one mile southeast of Ross and outside LZ Cole. Aerial rocket artillery accounted for the other kill. The 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry captured 1,550 pounds of rice in an area five miles northeast of LZ Ross and the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry captured another 9,000 pounds of rice in the

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PALO ALTO, Calif.,—Mrs. Mike Kasperak told newsmen in Palo Alto, California, that her husband "looks great" and "is doing fine" 10 days after his heart transplant.

SASEBO, Japan—Japanese police used water hoses and tear gas to turn back crowds of American students from the U.S. Naval Base at Sasebo. It was the second day of trouble near the base. Students earlier had passed out handbills to Sailors saying—the U.S. should get out of Vietnam. The newest outbreak steams from—plans to anchor the U.S.—nuclear—powered carrier—Enterprise in Sasebo.



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same area.

In other Wheeler/Wallowa action northwest of Tam Ky yesterday, elements of Americal's 196th Brigade killed five VC and detained 15 suspects.

A unit of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry while searching through some huts discovered a weapon and ammunition cache, which included one BAR, three bolt action rifles, one case of 30 caliber ammunition, two cases of M-1 ammunition, eleven 60mm mortar rounds, 1,000 rounds of M-60 ammunition, fifteen 2.5 rockets, some US ponchos and web gear, one NVA canteen and some medical supplies. Another company of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry evacuated 5,000 pounds of rice from two separate locations to Hill 35. "C" Troop's "Blue Ghosts" accounted for two VC kills as they fled their aircraft. Another element of the "Guardians" engaged three VC evading 400 meters from their position, resulting in one VC kill. A US hand grenade was found on the body. A unit of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry and a gunship of the "Blue Ghosts" each accounted for one VC kill.

The Americal Division's 11th Brigade killed six VC and detained three suspects in action around Duc Pho.

In an early morning cordon and search, a reconnaissance platoon from the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry of "Syke's Regulars" led by 1LT William Adams (Madison, Ind) surrounded a village five miles southeast of Duc Pho. A mobile strike force looked for the enemy, eight VC were flushed out. Two were killed by Adams' platoon, the strike force killed two and supporting helicopters from the 11th's aviation section were responsible for two kills. Two weapons were captured; a carbine and a 9mm pistol.

Nearly two tons of rice was found and later evacuated for civil affairs use by a company from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry's "Always First" during search and destroy missions 15 miles northwest of Duc Pho. The unit, commanded by CPT Patrick Trinkle (Stonewall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.), also found assorted enemy documents, a VC flag and an enemy gas mask.

It was reported yesterday that a small VC force entered a village northeast of Tam Ky and tried to kidnap a Popular Forces soldier. The soldier threw a grenade at the on-coming VC and killed one. The rest decided to retreat and abandon their plan.

Americal's 14th Aviation Battalion flew 590 sorties, carried 161 combat troops, hauled 166 tons of cargo in support of division units yesterday.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COURSES CHU LAI AREA

The Americal Division Education Center will offer two residence credit courses from the University of Maryland during term three of the 1968 academic year--January 29 -- March 23. The following three credit hour courses will be offered; History 21., History of the United States before 1865, and History 22, History of the United States after 1865.

Each course will be scheduled twice a week during the eight week term. Each class session will consist of 150 minutes of class time. Classes will be scheduled after normal duty hours.

Official registration will be January 18--26. Tuition is \$18.00 per credit hour, payable at time of registration. A \$10.00 matriculation/enrollment fee is payable the first time you enroll with the University of Maryland. U.S. Government tuition assistance, up to 75%, is available. Visit your Education Center today. (Building AN-2, Telephone: 251)

University of Maryland Instructors: The Division Education Center has a continuing need for University of Maryland instructors. Personnel who have the time and interest for off-duty evening instruction should contact the Education Center (Chu Lai 251). Minimum requirement for appointment as an instructor, MASTERS DEGREE OR ITS EQUIVALENT.